

**Workshop Meeting Activity****October 10, 2016**

<b><u>TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>MOTION</u></b>	<b><u>SECOND</u></b>
Approve Legislative Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2016	Comm. Darragh	Comm. Williams
Approve to have Trick-or-Treating on October 31, 2016 from 6–8 pm	Comm. Darragh	VP Jones
Authorize Public Works to cut all appropriate shrubbery at the corner of Sewickley Ridge Circle and Sewickley Ridge Drive, and Rockledge and Sewickley Ridge Drive and install a yellow dividing line from the top of Sewickley Ridge Drive to the intersection of Sewickley Ridge Circle	VP Jones	Comm. Schollaert
Adjournment	Comm. Darragh	Comm. Williams

**TOWNSHIP OF ALEPPO**

**WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES**

**October 10, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President Matthew Doebler called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call. Those in attendance were Vice-President George Jones, Commissioner Joanne Schollaert, Commissioner Arthur Williams, Commissioner Daniel Darragh, Solicitor Christopher Lovato, Manager Gwen Patterson and Secretary Kimberly Koskey.

**MINUTES:**

Commissioner Darragh made a motion to approve the Legislative Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2016. Commissioner Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION OF DATE AND TIME OF TRICK-OR-TREATING:**

Manager Patterson stated that a date and time needed to be set for Trick or Treating in Aleppo. Commissioner Darragh made a motion to have Trick-or-Treating on October 31, 2016 from 6–8 pm.

**DISCUSSION OF ALEPPO TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY BOARD OPENING:**

One of the candidates, Paula Tapia, gave a speech reviewing her qualifications to serve on the Aleppo Township Authority Board and answered questions from the commissioners regarding her experience.

**DISCUSSION OF EMERGENCY ROAD ACCESS TO AND FROM SEWICKLEY HEIGHTS DRIVE:**

Manager Patterson explained that the Manor neighborhood has one main road for access in and out. There is a concern that if Sewickley Heights Drive was blocked due to an emergency that there would be no access in or out of the Manor. She presented an option for emergency access from a small right-of-way on Veshio Drive. The Solicitor has to look into the legal issues regarding the right-of way, however, a gravel road could be created which would provide emergency access in or out. Commissioner Darragh questioned a second option where there is open property that is privately owned by a resident on Weber Road. He suggested speaking to this resident and getting permission to use this property. This will be researched and discussed again next month.

**DISCUSSION OF TRAFFIC SAFETY IN SEWICKLEY HEIGHTS MANOR AND RIDGE:**

Resident Warren Fitzpatrick from 100 Sewickley Ridge Circle voiced his concerns about traffic safety in Sewickley Heights Manor and The Ridge. Manager Patterson stated that she spoke to the Ohio Township Police and asked for their recommendations regarding the safety issues. The suggestions are

to cut back the vegetation and undercut some pine trees to improve visibility. The officer also agreed with the suggestion to paint a yellow line all the way down Sewickley Ridge Drive to slow traffic and to prevent cars driving down the center of the road. The officer also stated to Manager Patterson that stop signs are to be used for traffic control, not speed control and he did not recommend stop signs to be installed.

Vice-President Jones made a motion to authorize Public Works to cut all appropriate shrubbery at the corner of Sewickley Ridge Circle and Sewickley Ridge Drive, and Rockledge and Sewickley Ridge Drive and install a yellow dividing line from the top of Sewickley Ridge Drive to the intersection of Sewickley Ridge Circle. Commissioner Schollaert seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**PRESENTATION BY TIM KELLY REGARDING GLOBAL WARMING AND REQUESTING A NON-BINDING RESOLUTION ON FEE-AND-DIVIDEND:**

Resident Tim Kelly from 205 Trailside Drive, along with Dr. Robert Mitchell, gave a presentation on the environmental effects of global warming. He also requested a non-binding resolution on fee-and-dividend from the Board. The commissioners had several questions regarding the program that Mr. Kelly was presenting. The commissioners also did not feel that they had enough information to vote on a resolution and asked Mr. Kelly to submit a written proposal that they will review and discuss at a future meeting.

**DISCUSSION OF EARTH DAY ACTIVITY:**

President Doebler stated that several residents on Rockledge Drive have participated in litter clean-up on Earth Day for many years. He suggested helping these residents by providing garbage bags or actively participating would be a good idea. He also suggested cleaning up other areas in the Township on Earth Day. He had several other suggestions to have residents actively volunteer on Earth Day which is April 22, 2017. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

**DISCUSSION OF FERNDAL TOWNHOUSE DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION:**

Manager Patterson stated that there was a request to discuss procedures regarding development applications. The Board would like to be educated more when an application is being presented to them on a case-by-case basis. Commissioner Darragh suggested that when a developer comes in they present the application to the Board of Commissioners so the Board can have a better background and get the facts straight from the developer.

Manager Patterson also explained that the Ferndale Townhouse Development has met most of the requirements. Solicitor Lovato explained that the plans are being recommended for approval by the Planning Commission with conditions that have to be met. The Board of Commissioners does not have to approve the plans until these conditions are completed. Manager Patterson explained that one of the only conditions left on the Ferndale application is being handled with the Water Authority and should be completed in the near future. Commissioner Darragh recommended reviewing this again at the November Workshop.

**DISCUSSION OF SWOT ANALYSIS:**

President Doebler tabled this discussion.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Manager Patterson stated that Masonic Village applied for and received a demolition permit for the Vish house. Eric Gross explained to Manager Patterson that there was a water line break in the basement of the building and they are demolishing rather than repairing. There are no development plans at this time.

Commissioner Schollaert announced that there will be a meet-the-candidates night at Masonic Village on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Everybody is welcome.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Darragh motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM. Commissioner Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Koskey  
Township Secretary